

February 11, 2014

Meeting opened: 7:30 P.M., Room 126, Town Hall  
Members Present: William Morris, Chairman; Carol Johnson, Clerk; Richard Bringhurst; Lisa Procaccini; Richard Beauregard; Mona Bissany  
Members Absent: Claire Wolfram

**MOTION:** made by Carol Johnson that the Board of Health approves the minutes of the January 28, 2014 meeting with one amendment. Seconded by Richard Bringhurst.

**VOTE:** 3-0-1.

3 - in favor ó William Morris, Carol Johnson, Richard Bringhurst

1- abstained ó Lisa Procaccini

**Request for Determination Mass Highway Route 1 & Route 95:**

**Documents/Exhibits – Request for Determination applications (on file Conservation Commission); Deputy Health Agent’s summary.**

The Board of Health reviewed for comment two Requests for Determination filed by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation requesting whether a Notice of Intent must be filed prior to the application of herbicides to various locations along Route 1 and Route 95 as part of their approved Vegetation Management Plan.

**MOTION:** made by Carol Johnson that the Board of Health has no comment regarding the Massachusetts Department of Transportation’s Request for Determination. Seconded by Richard Bringhurst. **VOTE:** 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

**Land Disturbance Permit ó High Oaks Subdivision:**

**Documents/Exhibits – Land Disturbance Permit Application (on file Conservation Commission); Deputy Health Agent’s summary.**

The Board of Health reviewed for comment the Land Disturbance Permit Application ó High Oaks Subdivision, which must be submitted in accordance with the Storm Water Management and Erosion Control By-law.

**MOTION:** made by Richard Bringhurst that with respect to the request for comment on the Land Disturbance Permit Application ó High Oaks Subdivision the Board of Health has no comment at this time. Seconded by Lisa Procaccini. **VOTE:** 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

**Public Hearing ó Rockland Federal Credit Union ó 564 Main Street:**

**Documents/Exhibits – Public Hearing Notice (on file Planning Board); Deputy Health Agent’s summary.**

The Board of Health reviewed for comment the Public Hearing Notice ó 564 Main Street to construction a 3,350 square foot building (Rockland Federal Credit Union) with three drive-through lanes. No work would be done within resource areas.

**MOTION:** made by Lisa Procaccini that the Board of Health has no comment at this time regarding the construction of a 3,350 square foot bank at 564 Main Street. Seconded by Carol Johnson. **VOTE:** 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

**Old Business:**

**Walpole Tobacco Sales Regulations:**

Mona Bissany discussed with Board members Tobacco21 and how increasing the purchase age of tobacco product to 21 would reduce the number of high school students who could legally purchase cigarettes. Ms. Bissany said that the U.S. Surgeon General recently released additional warnings about the danger of smoking and that if a person begins smoking before the age of 21 the addiction is stronger and therefor more difficult to quit later. Ms. Bissany said that most minors (under 18) obtain cigarettes from 18 ó 20 year olds who may legally purchase tobacco and urged Board members to support the Tobacco21 initiative and increase its current purchase age from 19 to 21. Richard Bringhurst said that he supports keeping tobacco away from children, young adults and older adults as well and that when the Board increased the purchase age a year ago to 19 it was done with the caveat of revisiting the subject again after a period of time with the intention of potentially phasing in additional age increases. William Morris said that historically the Board has taken a very proactive approach when considering issues related to the purchase and use of tobacco products in the Town of Walpole. Mr. Morris said that though the Board does have the authority to make changes to its regulations it in the past

has not done so without obtaining public input on the matter first. Lisa Procaccini said that she would prefer that before any action is taken that a full Board is present at the meeting.

**MOTION:** made by Lisa Procaccini that all Board of Health members are present before any consideration is given as to whether or not the Board should consider rescinding its March 12, 2013 decision and discuss increasing further the purchase age for tobacco products in the Town of Walpole. Seconded by Carol Johnson.

**DISCUSSION:** William Morris said that it has been the past practice of the Board of Health not to make any important decisions without all Board members being present and that the matter will remain on the agenda under old business until such time. **VOTE 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.**

Update:

Let's Move Walpole:

Carol Johnson updated the Board of Health about the Iron Chef Contest meeting at the High School cafeteria. The purpose of the meeting was to go over with all the participants' guidelines for the contest and review the U.S.D.A. foods that will be required to be used by the teams. Ms. Johnson said that the teams will be given 90 minutes to prepare and cook their meals and that judging from the enthusiasm expressed by everyone it should be very successful event. Ms. Chapell said that Senator Timilty will preside as Master of Ceremony and that there will be three judges. Ms. Chapell said that Whole Foods will stock the pantry for the contest, provide aprons for the contestants and a cooking lesson for the winning team.

**MOTION:** made by William Morris that the Board of Health cancel its regularly scheduled meeting on April 8, 2014, so that Board members may attend the Iron Chef Contest at Walpole High School in order to show support for this healthy lifestyle community initiative. Seconded by Lisa Procaccini. **VOTE 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.**

Tobacco Compliance Check:

The Health Director informed the Board of Health that a tobacco compliance check was performed on February 8, 2014 and that all the establishments in Walpole with tobacco permits were in compliance.

Coalition for Alcohol and Drug Awareness:

Board of Health members acknowledged a letter from District Attorney Michael Morrissey, awarding a \$1400 grant to help fund the CADA's annual video and poster contest. The Health Director said that Russell Disposal has also pledged a \$1000 towards this important student activity concerning the risks of drug and alcohol use.

**MOTION:** made by William Morris to adjourn. Seconded by Carol Johnson. **VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.**

Meeting Closed: 8:15 P.M.

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